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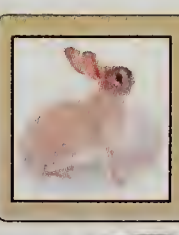
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PUC reacts to smoking tax

Jalena Dixon
Staff Writer

With the price of cigarettes around the country increasing by $1.01 per pack, students are not yet motivated to quit their habit. April 1, the cigarette tax increased by 62 percent. Students believe the cigarette tax is going to continue to increase; therefore, they need to budget their money for the increase.

Dana Hughes, a hospitality and tourism student, said someone has to pay the taxes on cigarettes.

"I have a habit that I am going to support, so if the taxes on cigarettes are going up, I have to pay them," said Hughes. "The price of gas continues to rise, that has not stopped me from driving."

Some students believe since the United States is in an economic recession, the government has increased cigarette tax to help the economy. Other students said this is just another way for the government to say that it is trying to help the economy rather than admit it is actually hurting the economy.

Non-smoker, Jennifer Curtin, a hospitality and tourism freshman, said due to the recession, the price on everything is going to increase.

"It should have not been a shock to people that the tax on cigarettes were going to increase. We're obviously in a recession and the prices on everything are going up," said Curtin.

Communications student, Kim Price, said the cigarette taxes are used to pay for the debt into which Americans have gotten.

Price, a smoker, said, "If the American government knew how to spend its money, it would not need to raise prices on cigarettes. Instead of raising cigarette taxes, the government should be aiding senior citizens or helping people who cannot afford health insurance get insurance."

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Follow That Bill:

Ban of public smoking

Catherine Grace
News Editor

A ban of public smoking may be the topic at a State Senate Committee hearing Wednesday.

Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) is the original author of the House bill which passed 70-26 with an amendment exempting bars and casinos. However, the fate of the bill lies in the hands of Sen. Ron Alting (R-Lafayette), Chair of the Senate Commerce, Public Policy, & Interstate Cooperation Committee.

"Major advocates such as the American Heart Association have informed me that they support the original bill and have asked me not to hear the amended version of the bill that passed the House of Representatives." Alting said. "Therefore, if I cannot get the majority votes in Committee for Senator *[Gary] Dillon's (R-*Pierceton) amendment [to remove the exemptions for bars and casinos], I will consider not hearing the existing bill."

Should the bill be left unheard next week, the legislation to ban public smoking will die in committee. Supporters of the bill say they are concerned with public health as well as the rising costs of treating secondhand smoke-related ailments.

"I'm a cancer nurse at a Bloomington hospital," said co-author Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington). "Secondhand smoke does affect cancer [rates], so I would like to ban it to affect those rates."

Brown recognized cigarettes as a "legal commodity." He said he does not support banning cigarettes entirely but does encourage efforts for voluntary cessation.

"It's unfair and unfortunate to those persons that have no other choice than to work in a restaurant, bar or casino with smoking. All of us do not have the wherewithal to pick where we work," said Brown.

However, the passed amendment based on the House Committee's report allowed bars and casinos to continue permitting smoking. Welch "held her nose" in support of the amended legislation to obtain at least a partial ban. Co-sponsor Sen. Sue Errington (D-Muncie) said she is dissatisfied with the House's bill as amended.

"The House weakened the bill by exempting bars and casinos. That would probably pass in the Senate, but experience in other states and in Indiana is that if you do just a partial ban, it is extremely hard to later make it comprehensive," she said.

Errington cited a recent study by Indiana University's Center for

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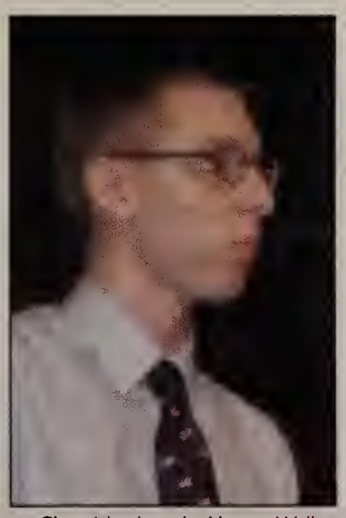
SGA presidential candidates debate issues

Steven VanderVelde
Managing Editor

The SGA held its presidential debates in YJean Chambers Hall Tuesday after being on hiatus since the spring of 2008 to restructure.

The SGA was forced to restructure due to a low rate of student participation. Since then, they have found 14 people to run for the nine positions they have available. They also came up with a new constitution.

Interim President David Ober and Interim Vice President Raquel Perez were appointed to lead the SGA through its restructuring.


Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker
David Ober

"It was a tough task, but [the constitution] was completed early last month," said Perez. "We are really proud of what it turned out to be and are very confident that it is going to do great at PUC."

Ober is running for re-election as the president and Nicholas Marien is running against him. They both presented their plans for improving student life at PUC and took questions submitted by students at the town hall style debates.

One major issue that was brought up is the fact that PUC is not like traditional universities and is more of a commuter campus which results in low interest in university events by students.

"PUC and its unique student body will never look just like a traditional campus," said Ober. "We're trying, but it really begins with student organizations. I would make sure these organizations have the resources needed to increase student involvement on campus."

Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker
Nicholas Marien

Marien disagreed with Ober's statement that PUC will never be a traditional campus and said he would try to organize new organizations such as a football team and a fraternity.

Another big issue Chartwells dining services. The prices and the cafeteria closing at 3 p.m. have many students upset.

"They're making too much money on us and we should have a competitor on campus to help convince them to change. As president, maybe they would have more of a reason to listen to me," said Marien.

Ober also agreed that a food competitor is needed to help bring down the prices in the cafeteria and suggested having name brands distributed through Chartwells and pushing for more hot meal

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ADMINISTRATIVE
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Feeling down about the job market?

If you are graduating this May or even this summer and haven't yet secured a job, don't panic, but do get moving!

Although there are a lot of graduates that have already received multiple offers and many that may have even accepted positions, the door remains open for you. Here's what you need to do:

- **Get motivated** – Stop worrying about everybody else. Start concentrating on you and the contributions you can make to a company or organization.
- **Meet with the Office of Career Services (SUL 349)** – Make sure that your resumé is in tip top shape; if you're uncertain whether it is, seek some direction and advice from the professionals.
- **Develop a game plan** – What are your true interests, skills and desires? Why are you waiting? Start researching opportunities in areas of interest. Start identifying possible career paths. Start gathering information on networking and career-related events at your campus and in the community. Don't forget virtual fairs or web-searching as part of your search.
- **Take action** – Finding a job can be a full-time job in itself. But if you are sitting back and waiting for the perfect job to come to you, you may be waiting for a long time. Start sending out at least 25-30 directed résumés a month and track your efforts so that you can follow up. Effort and direction = career success.
- **Network** – Put yourself in situations where you can meet others who may be able to introduce you to people/employers/organizations who may be hiring. Start with people you already know. More than 70 percent of new hires say that their network helped them find their job.

MOCK INTERVIEWING MARATHON!!!!

Monday, April 20th
10am-4pm

Contact the Office of Career Services for a list of participating employers or to schedule your interview time, 989-2600/SUL 349

Practice your interviewing skills and beat the competition!

Students should be willing to take advantage of the many career development tools available at PUC. These services include:

- Resumé and Cover Letter Reviews
- Mock Interview Sessions (in-person or virtually with streaming video)
- Career Counseling through the Counseling Center (Gyte 5)
- Personalized Career Advising Appointments
- Vault Online Career Library for Company Research
- Job Search Assistance and Online Job Boards (CareerTrax, CCO, indeed.com, simplyhired.com, etc.)
- Upcoming Career and Networking Events and Connections to Professional Organizations

The above was written by Purdue Calumet Director of Career Services Shelly Robinson and excerpted from an article previously published in "The Black Collegian."

What's Going On?
A Look Around...

SGA Election

Check your student email April 13 through 17 to vote for candidates running for office in the PUC Student Government. The candidates will be campaigning in the SUL and CLO concourses in the few weeks leading up to the election.

PUMA

The Purdue University Marketing Association will be holding a seminar on Thursday, April 30 from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m. in Anderson 313.

Internship opportunities, networking, guest speakers, the opportunity to join the American Marketing Association and many other benefits are available to students during the seminars. All majors are welcome.

For more information, visit pucpuma.com

Career Fair

A manufacturing industry job fair will be available to students on Tuesday, April 14 from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Calumet Conference Center.

For more information, call (219) 989-2600 or visit SUL 349.

Sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

Student Employment Training Series

A seminar titled "Harassment & Discrimination in the Workplace" will be presented on Tuesday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

For more information, call (219) 989-2600 or visit SUL 349.

Nursing Walk for Charity

The 1st Annual Purdue Nursing Walk for Charity will take place on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Wicker Memorial Park in Highland, IN.

Proceeds will benefit the Sojourner Truth House in Gary and the McAuley Clinic in Hammond.

It will be a 2.5 mile walk and a minimum $10 donation.

Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization

Students interested in entrepreneurship can attend this CEO meeting on Thursday, April 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the "Room with a View" in SUL.

Refreshments and the opportunity to network with a panel of entrepreneurs and other like-minded students will be offered.

Celebration of Student Achievements

Join the department of Communication and Creative Arts for the 21st Annual Celebration of Student Achievements on Monday, April 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. in YJean Chambers Hall.

PUC will be honoring outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in communication.

Spring Game Night

The Purdue University Gamer's Guild (PUGG) will be holding a game night on Wednesday, April 15 from 5 to 10:30 p.m. in Calumet Falls. Video games, table-top role playing, card games and board games will be offered to anyone in the PUC community interested in attending.

Stop by for a break from studying and a bit of social interaction.

Boots and Bridle Club

A new club dedicated to promote equine activities and education is open to all students. The club will focus on helping horse enthusiasts become better horsemen/horsewomen. No equine background is needed; however, students should have a positive outlook on equine species.

For more information, contact Director Dr. Conners at (219) 204-1426 or email conners@calumet.purdue.edu

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On what should the student government focus?

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"All I'm worried about is keeping the café open longer. Maybe promote school pride so this place could feel like a college and not a job."

Bianca Gomez
Secondary Education
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"Getting more policemen to work the night shift to feel safer."

Jeremy Prosk
Electrical Engineering
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"Making a gym membership part of tution. Then every semester you can go to the gym. Plus, it helps the school out."

Michael Hernandez
Political Science
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"Having books on reserve, to not have spending, and to have the syllabus available before the classes take place."

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Government replacing prohibition with taxes?

The issue: Tobacco taxes are seeing a sharp increase.
Our opinion: Taxes create vicious and counter-productive cycle of dependency.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, "In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Combine the two, and you embody a cigarette.

The recent hike in federal cigarette taxes will be funding children's health insurance. It's quite ironic that a product labeled by the Surgeon General as hazardous to one's health is funding health insurance. Even more curious is the follow-up warning, "Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, and Low Birth Weight." Even loose tobacco had its tax rise from $1.10 per pound to $24.78 per pound. That's a 2,152 percent increase.

As beneficial and endearing as the cause might be, the funding for the children's health insurance will now consistently rely on raising cigarette taxes. Presented as an encouragement for smokers to quit, the government knows full-well it needs the revenue generated by smokers. The Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center reports there was a $14,974,713,000 increase in tax dollars in 2006 from local and state cigarette taxes, tripling the 1977 revenue.

Meanwhile, the CDC touts a 20 percent smoking rate among adults in 2006, a decrease from 1978's 34 percent.

Cut through the figures and you discover one thing: a tax always demands the products do well. Desiring fewer smokers and fighting a global recession, the tax rate must go up in compensation.

Some smokers feel they are persecuted by society and government policy, and some non-smokers feel those lighting up should have seen it coming.

The Chronicle's stance merely notes the irony, if not pure hypocrisy, of taxing smokers while admonishing smokers, all the while silently hoping enough revenue comes in from tobacco taxes to fund children's health care. The government introducing a tax to guide Americans to making healthier choices is a fallacy; just as with New York's push to tax non-diet sodas, revenue will ensure "unhealthy" products, such as cigarettes, will continue to exist.

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Forgive a little, Get a little

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

The art of forgiveness is a hard thing to master. Everyone claims they have the guts to do it, but when it comes down to the actual action, many back out in fear of losing pride or looking stupid.

Some people view forgiveness as a weakness, thinking that holding a grudge will, in some way, make them a tougher person, someone who can stand up to those who threaten to knock them down.

I have had quite a few experiences with forgiveness in my lifetime, as I am sure many other people have, and it is not always an easy path to follow.

In some cases, the person you are trying to forgive has hurt you in such a way that you feel as though you are unable to face them. Sometimes the feeling of wanting to avoid them altogether comes into play, which in reality can make a person feel as though they are hiding out from the world around them.

"Is it time to let go of something that I don't need to hold onto any longer?"
LeAnne Munoz

On occasion, you are the person seeking forgiveness for something you have done to someone else, a side of the coin that many may not stop to think about. Those people are probably feeling just as vulnerable and worried about the outcome as you are, and the act of seeking forgiveness does take guts.

Currently, I am in a situation where I am trying to decide whether or not to willingly accept forgiveness, as well as ask for a little of my own. These situations are not easy to deal with, but anyone who is going through this type of ordeal should really sit down and think about what the act of forgiving will mean to them.

Will it give you less tension in your life? Will it make you feel better in general? These questions factor into the final decision, but ultimately you must ask yourself, "Is it time to let go of something that I don't need to hold onto any longer?"

If you decide that it is time to grow up and out of an issue that now seems petty, then do yourself a favor and forgive; it may be the best thing to help you let go of the past.

I am going to personally try to stroll down that road, burden on my shoulders, and see what happens, but I can be sure I will feel lighter in the end.

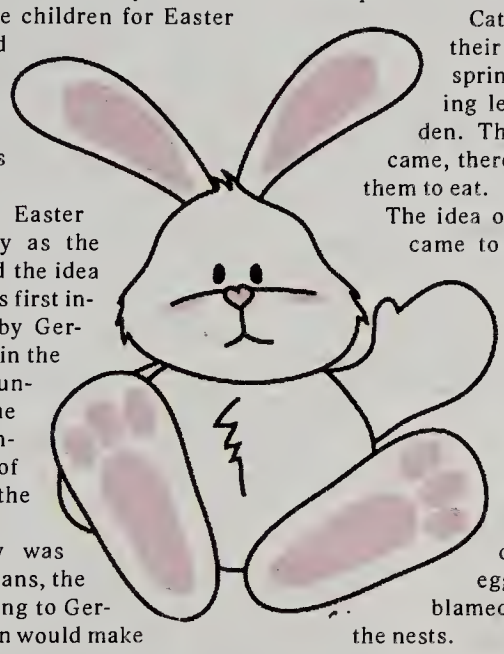
Have feedback? Readers can contact LeAnne at chronicle_entertainment@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547

Why the Bunny?

Elly Eveland
Staff writer

Spring is here, and with it comes that special holiday with bunnies, colored eggs and candy. But what do bunnies and candy have to do with this otherwise holy holiday?

We have all heard of the famous, mythical bunny hopping along to deliver candy and colored eggs to good little children for Easter morning, but where did such an idea originate? Who thought of it? Does it have anything to do with the religious reason for Easter?



The legend of the Easter Bunny began as early as the 1600s in Germany, and the idea of the Easter Bunny was first introduced to America by German settlers who lived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country in the 1700s. The first edible Easter Bunnies was first made out of sugar and pastry in the 1800s.

The Easter Bunny was then called by the Germans, the Oschter Haws. According to German legend, the children would make baskets out of caps or bonnets in secluded areas of their homes, and if the children were good, the Oschter Haws would come and leave brightly colored eggs in their baskets. These eventually became the standard Easter baskets and the tradition spread.

The reason the Oschter Haws chose to leave brightly colored eggs in the children's baskets is a very unique one: both rabbits and birds are symbols of fertility, or the giving of life. Birds lay eggs in the spring and rabbits give birth to big litters of young, so both of these things symbolized the oncoming of spring and life back into the world and the Vernal Equinox.

Catholics wanted to retain their sacrificing in the springtime for lent. So during lent, eggs were forbidden. This way, when Easter came, there was an abundance of them to eat.

The idea of a rabbit laying eggs came to America in the 18th century, and was also brought by German settlers. The rabbit was thought to lay eggs for Easter because rabbits make their nests on ground level and they resemble the nests of birds. Bird nests were found on the ground with eggs, and the rabbit was blamed for laying the eggs in the nests.

The actual reason for coloring eggs is not certain. Possibly, it is to symbolize new color coming back into the world or perhaps just a celebration of the ending winter. Whatever the reason, eggs are dyed every Easter. Many Christians dye their Easter eggs red, the color of blood, to symbolize the blood of Christ. Some dye them green, the color of new foliage shaking the cold of winter and coming back to life.

The legends of the Easter Bunny, in some ways, have to do with the religion that it is really about. Mostly it was a legend made up for children in order to entertain them and give them incentive to behave throughout the year, much like the idea of Santa Claus.

These German legends have been the enjoyment of children for centuries and they continue to entertain them today. So, this Easter, make sure to color some eggs, buy some candy and watch out for a little bunny hopping down the lane to your house.

Will Kindle change the written word?

TJ Creech
Staff Writer

Imagine a world without paperback books, where everything is stored onto an electronic device. Well, that is what Amazon is trying to do with Kindle. Amazon's

Kindle is a super-thin, supersleek device that allows people to download and store any kind of written word: from books, to newspapers and even magazines. Could the Kindle be the future of written word?

The Kindle first debuted in mid-November of 2007. As of now, the second generation, called Kindle 2 or K-2, is available right now for $359.99.

The Kindle is super thin: at 0.36 inches, it is thinner than a pencil. It is about the size of a book and only weighs 10.2 ounces.

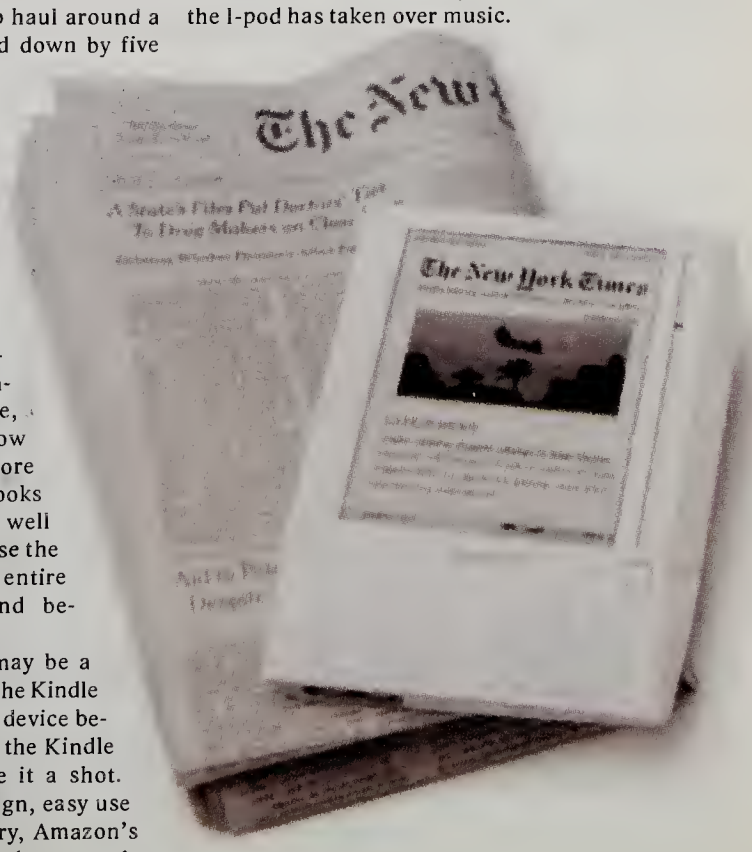
The screen uses an E-Ink electronic paper display, which leaves it looking crisp and clear. The Kindle does not need to be connected to any other type of device, and with 3G wireless, it can connect and start to download anywhere.

The Kindle also has a "Read-to-Me" feature that reads books to a user. If that is not your style, then try downloading one of the 50,000 audio books available. The Kindle also has free access to Wikipedia, and a built-in dictionary. If the heavy price tag gets to you, then you can always enjoy Kindle on your I-phone by downloading the new application.

The Kindle does offer an impressive library, with over 250,000 books, plus the addition of newspaper and magazines. Most books cost about $9.99 to download and the monthly subscriptions to a newspaper such as the Wall Street Journal or USA Today will run around $11.99, where as a monthly substitution to Time or Newsweek will run about $1.59. The Kindle also allows users the ability to browse popular blogs.

The real news that will affect most students is Amazon is thinking about taking their Kindle to schools, giving the Kindle the ability to hold textbooks. So instead of having to haul around a book bag weighed down by five different books, students could just download their textbooks on the first day of class. Instead of spending hundreds of dollars on books each semester, students would instead buy a Kindle, which would allow them to spend a more modest price on books each semester, as well as allow them to use the Kindle for their entire college career and beyond.

Although we may be a long way off from the Kindle or another similar device becoming the norm, the Kindle does want to give it a shot. With its sleek design, easy use and massive library, Amazon's Kindle looks to take over the electronic reading field, just as the I-pod has taken over music.



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Authentic restaurant serves tasty food

Stephanie Feliciano
Chronicle Correspondent

When you first walk into this Mexican restaurant, you might feel like you are at home. Chela's Cocina, located in Highland and Cedar Lake, has some of the best authentic Mexican food around. The prices are quite reasonable, the workers are friendly and the restaurant has an engaging atmosphere.

For my appetizer, I ordered the nachos grandes. This extra-large appetizer is best served for groups of four or more, and at just nine dollars for a full order, my family of four started to feel full halfway through the nachos that were overflowing with lettuce, tomato, guacamole, refried beans, sour cream and cheese. This item is definitely worth the money and left my family with lunch the following day.

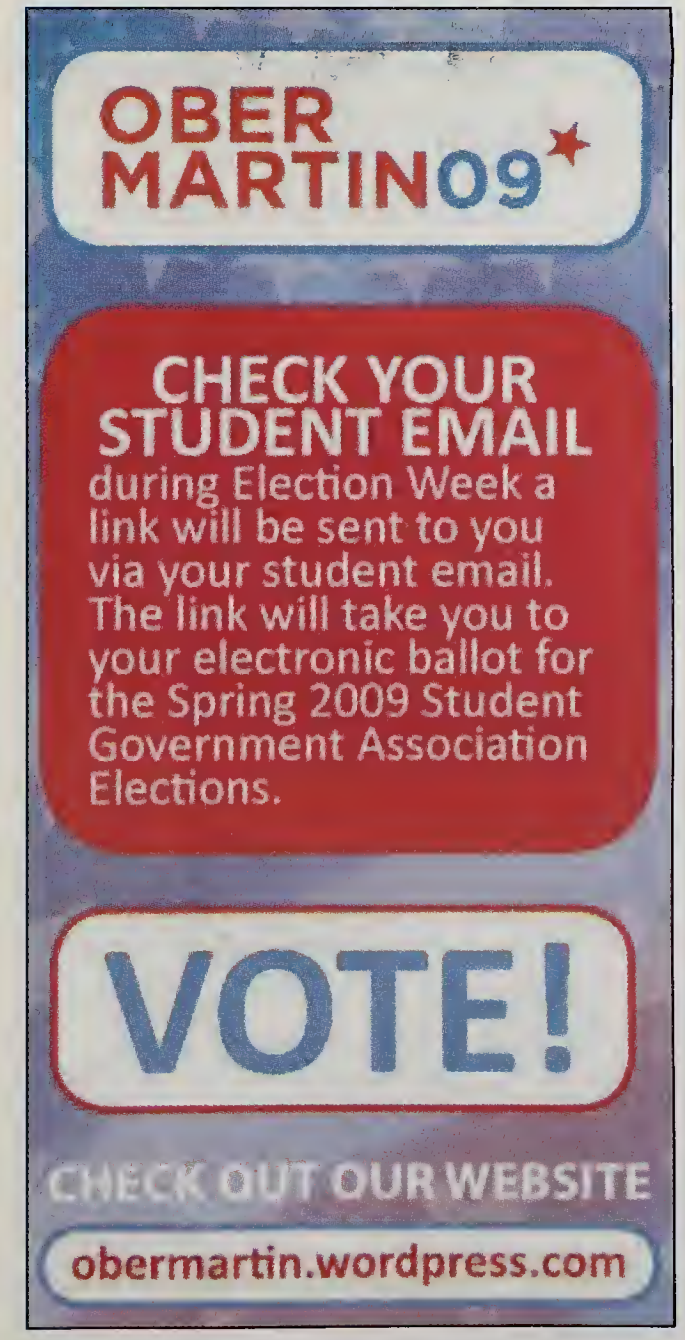
The mix combo is also worth buying. This platter includes a sample of a few Mexican favorites, including a chicken taco, an enchilada, a tostada and tamale, along with an order of rice and beans.

This dish gives a true feeling of many of the classic Mexican dishes served at Chela's. With everything made to order, the wait was minimal. The appetizer came very quickly and kept us busy until the rest of our order was ready about 15 minutes later. All of the dishes were great, although the jalapeno tamale was not very spicy.

The food was delicious, the environment was very inviting and the menu included something for everyone. In addition to a traditional dinner menu, Chela's Cocina also serves breakfast, soups, salads and sandwiches at anytime.

Desserts include dulce de leche, flan or pastel de tres leches. In addition to the restaurant, the Chela's restaurant located in Highland also has a bar connected to it.

This restaurant is recommended to anyone looking for a hidden gem serving some delicious, authentic Mexican food. Whether it is for a first date, or just out with family, Chela's Cocina will satisfy your taste and your budget.



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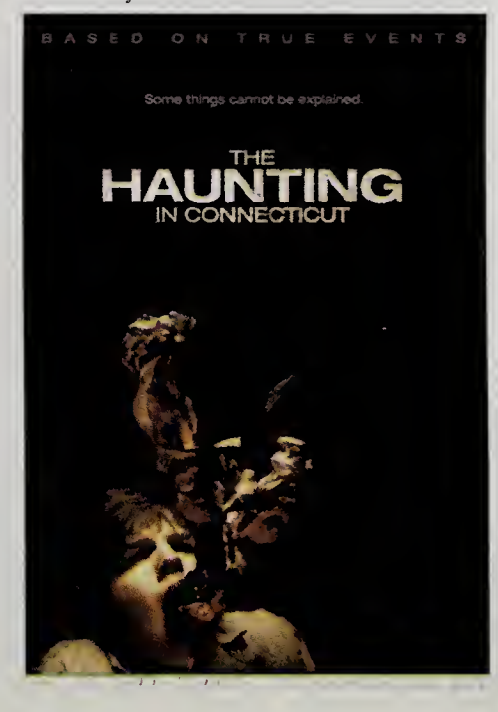
Film is Hauntingly Mediocre

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

The film, "A Haunting in Connecticut" follows the Campbell family, and their supposedly real-life encounter with the supernatural. Due to the cancer battle of their son Matt (Kyle Gallner), and the constant need to travel to a Connecticut hospital for treatment, Sarah Campbell(Virginia Madsen) and her family decide to rent an old house that will ease their travel troubles.

Once settled into their new abode, Matt begins to come face-to-face with terrifying and violent supernatural events. Initially, the Campbell family views Matt's strange behavior as a reaction to his experimental cancer treatments, but they soon discover a dark history about their Victorian home:that it was once a funeral home, where terrible acts of necromancy occurred.



Upon digging deeper into the history, the family discovers the home was owned by a man who had a clairvoyant son named Jonah, who served as a gateway between the living and the dead.

Now Jonah and the spirits are desperately trying to connect with Matt, a dying boy who can help them to cross back over into the land of the living.

When viewing this film, the audience is sure to wonder just how much of the storyline in this supposedly true story actually happened; and if anyone has seen the Discovery Channel documentary based on the actual events, they probably would have had a hard time getting their head into the movie.

This film feels like a mixture of many horror movies of the past, such as Poltergeist, Amityville Horror and The Exorcist, thrown into a blender and mixed on high.

The storylines had merit for the most part, and spooky situations were peppered into the plot in order to make the audience jump at the appropriate times.

The acting throughout the movie was well done and believable, especially in regards to the turmoil Matt must face in regards to his own mortality.

But after many strange happenings occur, and the reaction of the family is, "I'm scared to death, but why not, I'll just live here anyway." the audience begins to view them as morons, making it hard to sympathize with their plight.

Most of the situations within the film are as believable as can be when dealing with ghostly apparitions threatening to kill a family.

However, closer to the end of the film, the writers and director seemed to feel the need to pull out all of the stops; resulting in a ridiculous ending that obviously put the "based" into the phrase "based on a true story."

Overall, "A Haunting in Connecticut ," is a decent movie with a few chilling scenes, but definitely not something to take to heart.

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According to The Wall Street Journal, increasing cigarette prices is one of the best means of reducing smoking among teens. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports a decline in smoking rates has stalled in recent years among both adults and youth, with about 21 percent of adults currently smoking.

"This is not the first time cigarette tax has increased," said Price. "People made adjustments then to be able to afford them. We made adjustments to be able to afford gas, and now again people are going to make more adjustments to afford the higher cigarette prices."

Hughes said, "I am against the tax increase. Just because prices on cigarettes are going up does not mean people are going to quit smoking. People have a right to smoke, and I do not think that it should be the government's eoncern...whether a person should quit smoking. I believe that the government has bigger issues to worry about than whether someone is smoking or not."

Business student, Sandi Kerr, said smoking is a habit, and it is not something that can be broken just because the prices increased.

"I am going to smoke no matter how much they cost. It's my habit; it's my choice," said Kerr.

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Health Policy which she said "debunked" opponents' arguments that businesses suffer ill effects due to smoking bans. The study reports, among other findings that, smoke-free laws increase property value an average of fifteen percent compared with locations without smoking bans.

George Boulazeris, manager of The Wheel Restaurant in Hammond, said a smoking ban law would negatively affect the restaurant's business, which garners a lot of patrons from the smoke-free state of Illinois.

"Anywhere else you go, there is already no smoking. You really only see smoking in those three places: bars, restaurants and casinos," Boulazeris said.

Brown said businesses claim they suffer economically from such smoking bans are "feeble."

"When cities like New York and Chicago, tourist meccas, have gone non-smoking, why can't Indiana?" he said, also noting that Indiana spent $390 million in 2007 on secondhand smoke-related healthcare.

Crown Point is one of several communities to have initiated a smoking ban. Just marking its one year anniversary last week, The Post-Tribune's Diane Krieger Spivak reports "[By] most accounts, it's been a big success." Restaurant owners in Crown Point reportedly have not lost customers.

"Every little bit helps," said Welch, as she and Brown urge those who are interested in the bill to contactAlting, who will decide by Wednesday whether or not to let the bill fail in committee.

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Debate

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options in the Grab N Go. He even said he was contacted by Quiznos, who wants to get into the cafeteria.

They also discussed the possibility of a smoking ban at PUC. Marien is against it and believes better enforcement of the 50 foot rule is best while Ober is for it. He said legislature is already in play for it in Indiana and traditional campuses are going smoke-free.

Both Ober and Marien agreed to work in each other's cabinets no matter who wins the election.

The candidates will be campaigning for the next two weeks in the SUL and CLO concourses. The voting will be offered through the student email from April 13 to 17.

Perez said the SGA will begin working this summer.

"I think that everyone in the SGA restructure has worked really hard to create something that is best going to fit us here at PUC," said Perez. "I am really excited for the new administration to take over and to see the SGA really take off running."

Police Blotter

3.31.09 - SULB - 12:50 p.m.
Theft - Victim advised that while his coat was hanging up, and unknown subject removed his wallet. It was later detected that the victim's debit card was used at a local gas station.
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4.1.09 - UV - 8:55 a.m.
Violation of Infringement - Suspect has been downloading music illegally.
DOS

Hammond Weather

Monday
April 6
Snow Showers
37°/29°

Tuesday
April 7
Snow Showers
40°/28°

Wednesday
April 8
Partly Cloudy
47°/35°

Thursday
April 9
Showers
45°/35°

Friday
April 10
Cloudy
53°/37°

Saturday
April 11
Sunny
51°/38°

Sunday
April 12
Mostly Cloudy
55°/41°

CTIS Connection

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CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud computing is the new "buzzword" being discussed widely in IT circles these days. To put it simply, cloud computing is a way for an organization or individuals to share computing resources through the Internet or other connection using servers that are owned and operated by someone else. For example, say you need to create a Power Point presentation but don't have MS PowerPoint installed on your computer. By applying the concept of cloud computing you could login to a remote server (provided you've been granted access) and use the program as needed. The program appears to run on your desktop, but is actually running on the remote server. Students and faculty at PUC access Blackboard, our online course management system under the "cloud" of Purdue West Lafayette.

It's hard to tell at this point the effect cloud computing will have on the desktop application market (Microsoft), but an increasing number of organizations are looking at this business model as a way to cut costs and increase productivity. The list below shows some of the advantages and disadvantages of cloud computing:

Advantages of cloud computing
1. Access to software on demand
2. Latest version of software is always available
3. Ability to access cloud based applications from any device that can access the Internet
4. Decreased software expense
5. Increased storage capacity

Disadvantages of cloud computing
1. No longer "own" the software
2. Dependent upon outside source for software/service availability
3. Possible privacy risks

You can search on cloud computing and find an abundance of articles on the Web concerning this subject if you'd like to learn more.

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Boat's-N-O's winning streak stays afloat while Spiked Punch's sinks

Nathyn D. Gibson
Editor in Chief

While Boat's-N-O's were able to hold on to their winning streak handing Spiked Punch their first loss of the season.

Boat's-N-O's dominated with a victory over Dig This. In the first game, Dig This was able to get some points on the board, but was unable to overcome the ability of their opponents, losing 21-12. The second game provided similar results, as Boats took the victory 21-7.

In the third game, Boats dominated with the help of servers like Amy Wedding and Nicole Enright. In the beginning moments of the third game, Wedding's serving resulted in seven points in a row for Boat's_N-O's, while Enright's serving gave Boat's_N-O's five points in a row.

"I don't know where that came from," said Enright, a junior in mathematics, "maybe I was lucky today."

Wedding, who played four years of collegiate volleyball for Milikin University, said Boats-N-O's played with a lot of intensity because several members of the team competed at a colligate sports.

Members of Boats-N-O's also said this is the reason some teams in the intramural don't like them.

Sophomore David Richards said there are certain teams who watch their games and boo them. He said the negativity helps Boat's-N-O's play better.

Spiked Punch played in an attempt to continue their winning streak but U Don't Even Know was able to hand Spiked Punch their first loss in the season.

In the first game, Spiked Punch was able to get the upper hand quickly, defeating U Don't Even Know 21-12. Spiked Punch's Sydney Ruman's serving brought seven points to the team.

The momentum stopped in the second game, as U Don't Even Know rebounded with a close victory, defeating Spiked Punch 21-17.

With each team tied a game a piece, U Don't Even Know's John Mitchell started off by serving five points for his team. Spiked Punch responded with a time out.

Spiked Punch made a comeback and became neck-and-neck with U Don't Even Know towards the end. With the score 20-20, Jeremy Homan was unable to hit the ball over the net, causing U Don't Even Know to score and win 22-20.

Homan said they need to play better than they did that night but is still confident going into the playoffs.

"We were tired and we didn't play as a team," said Spiked Punch's Nick Ferguson.

"I just wanted to knock them out of first," said Mitchell, who is a high school student who takes classes at PUC, "We stepped it up this week and couldn't ask for anything more."

Ferguson said they may have thought Mitchell was a better player than he actually was.

U Don't Even Know's Samantha Bartucci said her team stepped it up when it came to defense. In the third game, Bartucci attempted to bounce the ball over the net, but the ball bounced behind her and into a basketball hoop.

"It's ironic because I can't even make a basket in real life," said Bartucci.

In the battle of two second place teams, Bump, Set, !?! defeated New Flave. In the first game, Bump, Set, !?! was able to get the upper hand later in the game and finish 21-15. Each team picked up their defense in the second game as it appeared to be increasingly difficult for each team to score. A few attacks by Chris Warren helped Bump, Set, !?! get the upper hand and defeat New Flave. Bump was able to keep the momentum in the third game, beating New Flave 21-15.

In other games; PUC Spikers defeated Liquid Fusion by default. TB defeated Team Awesome three games in a row. The Extreme Ballers beat the Presidents three games in a row. Nothing Special defeated the Big Dogs two games in a row before the Dogs defeated Nothing Special in the last game 21-19.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Bump, Set, !?!'s Chris Warren spikes the ball over New Flave's Tekiero Lee, to earn a point for his team.

NCAA Final Four turns into final two

Brent Cole
Chronicle Correspondent

The 70,000 fans in Detroit went wild after their Michigan State upset UConn 82-73. Early in the game, it looked like the Spartans would give the game away getting six team fouls in the first seven minutes of play. Michigan State lucked out though, with UConn going a mere 21 of 33 from the foul line.

Kemba Walker made three of his nine free throw shots. Hasheem Thabeet led the Huskies scoring 17 points going 6/13 from the field. Michigan State got an MVP and game leading performance off the bench from Lucas. Lucas banked 21 points for the Spartans, and shot 50 percent from three-point range.

Raymar Morgan also scored an impressive 18 points for Michigan State with Michigan State making a lot of fouls early and turning over the ball 11 times, UConn had many opportunities get to the Championship game.

The other match-up Saturday night however was not so riveting. UNC had a decisive victory over Villanova. With a final score of 83-69, UNC has won all five games this NCAA Tournament by 12 points or more.

It was expected long ago the Tar Heels of UNC would make it to the NCAA Championship game. Winner of Senior of the year, Tyler Hansbrough, did his part being the only player of the night to get a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Ty Lawson was the high scorer of the game grabbing 22 points. Halfway through the first half, the outcome of the matchup was obvious. Scottie Reynolds led his team with 17 points. Reggie Redding put up 15.

Monday night, UNC will host Michigan State in Detroit for the 2008-2009 NCAA Championship.

Spring 2009 Intramural Volleyball Standings/Results (FINAL REGULAR SEASON)

South	(Matches) W	L	(Games) W	L	PTS
Boats-N-O's	8	0	21	3	16
Bump,Set !?!	7	1	20	4	14
TB	4	4	14	10	8
U Don't Even Know	4	4	14	10	8
Big Dogs	3	5	10	14	6
Dig This	3	5	8	16	6
Team Awesome	2	6	7	17	4
Room 355	1	7	4	20	2

North	(Matches) W	L	(Games) W	L	PTS
Spiked Punch	7	1	19	5	14
New Flave	6	2	17	7	12
Nothin Special	6	2	17	7	12
PUC Spikers	5	3	15	9	10
Vladimir Putin	4	4	10	14	8
Extreme Ballers	3	5	8	16	6
Liquid Fusion	1	7	9	15	2
The Presidents	0	8	0	24	0

Spring 2009 Intramural Bowling Standings/Results

Blue Conference

Team	PTS	Games	W	L	T
Stooges	20	14	7	7	
Pounders	20	14	8	6	
Strikers	19	14	8	6	
Team Why	18	14	6	8	
Gutter Ballers	17	14	7	7	
Holy Rollers	14	14	6	8	

Red Conference

Team	PTS	Games	W	L	T
Incredibowls	23	14	8	6	
PUC Spares	21	14	7	7	
Perfectooo!	21	14	8	6	
Gutter Pros	18	14	7	7	
JMLS	16	14	8	6	
Sisters	10	14	4	10	

Spring 2009 Intramural Basketball Standings/Results

North	W	L
Ruff Penguins	5	2
Team Adidas	4	3
Dey Know	2	5
Team Failures	1	6

South	W	L
Broke Ballin	5	2
Biscuits	5	2
Untouchables	4	3
Victory	1	6

East	W	L
Buckets	5	2
Eurostars	4	3
Chinese Boy	3	4
Eagles	3	4
HTM	2	5

West	W	L
PUC Bulls	7	0
Static	5	2
Expansion	4	3
Gerry Mcnamara	2	5
Hot Stuff	0	7

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